OTONARI COMPLEX

Chapter 05: Gloom

NONOMURA SAKU

SCANLATION BY AMPLIFIED

AIJIISHIBASHI

BEEP

2024

NINOMIYA MAKOTO

I'M GOING TO THE CLASSROOM

ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW

BEEP

HMMM

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05 GLOOM

"THERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU..."

"ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW?" HMM, IT'S A BIT VAGUE...

Hmmm

NO NO NO NO

IT'S A BIT FORMAL AND UNNATURAL.

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THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO PROPERLY TELL AKIRA-CHAN.

YOU SEE,

WHAT DO I DO...?

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MING CALL
IYA MAKOT

I-IT'S FROM MAKOTO ...

HELLO, MAKOTO?

IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO CALL.

...YEAH...

AKIRA, ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW?

MAKOTO~?

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OH, YOU'RE HERE.

WHAT'S UP?

I BOUGHT COFFEE.

Take a seat.

YOU COULD'VE JUST CALLED OUT TO ME IF WE'RE GOING TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE.

...YEAH.

SO, UH...

HOW ARE YOU THESE DAYS? HOW'S SCHOOL?

Thanks

...YEAH. YOU'RE RIGHT. I ASKED THE WRONG QUESTION.

You should retort there. Like, "What are you, a dad of a teenage girl?"

BUT WE SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY.

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At school

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YOU HAD LUNCH WITH SEO TODAY, RIGHT?

SO WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED?

THE WHOLE TIME.

IT'S A CONFESS-ION, I'M TELLING YOU~♪

WHILE WE WERE EATING LUNCH, AYAKA WAS SAYING,

My intuition doesn't miss.

...ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO ASK?

JUST SAY IT.

HEY, SAY SOME-THING.

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...HE CONFESSED.

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SEO-KUN SAID, "I CAN'T FORGET ABOUT SAYAKA-CHAN."

S-SO WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM...

HE ASKED IF YOU CAN MEET AGAIN EVEN JUST ONCE.

YOU'RE REALLY EA-SY TO TALK TO, AKIRA-CHAN. SO I THOUGHT I CAN ASK YOU FOR ADVICE.

THE FIRST TIME I SAW HER, I THOUGHT, "WOW, WHAT A CUTE GIRL." BUT AFTER TALKING MORE TO HER, I THOUGHT SHE'S A NICE GIRL. I GOT EVEN MORE INTERESTED IN HER.

I WAS WORRIED IF I SHOULD TELL YOU OR NOT...

HE SAID HE WANTS MY HELP.

SO MUCH I WANNA DIE.

SO DO YOU REGRET YOU ASKED?

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SO PLEASE, CAN YOU MEET HIM AGAIN JUST ONCE?

SEO-KUN IS A NICE PERSON.

I WANT TO HELP HIM IF I CAN.

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MAKOTO-SAN? ARE YOU LI—

MAKO …

AKIRA,

"I WANT TO HELP HIM IF I CAN"?

ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SAYING THAT?

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

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DID I SAY SOMETHING STRANGE?

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A FRIEND... HUH...

...mumble

I'M JUST HELPING A FRIEND.

NOTHING.

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HUH, WHAT?

REALLY ?!

BUT THIS IS THE LAST TIME!

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...OKAY, FINE.

...JUST ONCE, OKAY?

D-DON'T WORRY. SEO-KUN WON'T EVER DO ANYTHING OF THE SORT.

OKAY, I'LL LET HIM KNOW.

I WON'T SHOW HIM MERCY EVEN IF I'M CROSS-DRESSING THEN!

AND BE SURE TO TELL HIM NOT TO DO ANYTHING WEIRD!

GOT IT.

I don't have part-time job right now, so I have more free time

YOU SHOULD ASK HIM, NOT ME.

IS HE FREE ON WEEKDAYS?

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NO...

THAT'S MY LINE.

UH... MAKOTO-SAN?

...WHAT IS IT?

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Don't run away~!!

GEEZ! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN I HAD A WEIRD EXPRESSION?

I'M RETURNING TO MY ROOM. CONTACT ME IF THE DATE IS FINAL.

BUT YOU HAD THIS WEIRD EXPRESSION THE WHOLE TIME.

YOU SOUNDED LIKE YOU'RE SATISFIED,

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"I'M NOT COOL WITH THIS" IS WRITTEN ON YOUR FACE!

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SEO AYUMU

SHE SAID SHE'LL LEAVE THE DATE AN
TIME TO YOU. TEXT ME ONCE IT'S FI

READ 21:25

SEO AYUMU

ROGER! I'M SUPER NERVOUS!

21:30

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HMM...

I'M AT LOSS...

"I'M NOT COOL WITH THIS" IS WRITTEN ON YOUR FACE!

AND I NEVER IMAGINED IT.

THIS IS A FIRST FOR ME,

BUT

THERE'S THIS REALLY GLOOMY FEELING...

Beginning of Love